

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A vehicle theft deterrent system, comprising:

continuity circuitry configured for enabling electrical continuity between a battery
and a starter of a vehicle starting system to be selectively broken and made,
5 whereby said continuity circuitry is in a starting system disabled mode when
said electrical continuity is broken and in a starting system enabled mode
when said electrical continuity is made; and

control circuitry connected to said continuity circuitry and configured for enabling
said continuity circuit to be selectively set to the starting system disabled
10 mode and the starting system enabled mode.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein:

said continuity circuitry includes a battery switch configured for being electrically
spliced into a power cable connected between the battery and the starter; and
the battery switch enables said electrical continuity to be selectively made and
15 broken.

3. The system of claim 2 wherein the battery switch is configured for being spliced into the
power cable in an in-line fashion.

4. The system of claim 2 wherein the battery switch includes:

a first electrical termination configured for being connected to a first connection
20 point of the power cable; and

a second electrical termination configured for being connected to at least one of a
second connection point of the power cable, an electrical terminal of the
battery and an electrical terminal of the starter.

5. The system of claim 4 wherein the battery switch further includes:

a third electrical termination coupled to one of the first electrical termination and the second electrical termination for having a power lead of a vehicle accessory item connected thereto for enabling electrical power to be provided to the accessory item while said continuity circuitry is in the starting system disabled mode.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein:

said control circuitry includes an actuation device configured for facilitating switching of said continuity circuitry between the starting system disabled mode and starting system enabled mode.

7. The system of claim 6 wherein:

said continuity circuitry includes a battery switch configured for being electrically spliced into a power cable connected between the battery and the starter; the actuation device is connected to a switching mechanism of the battery switch and is configured for moving the switching mechanism between a first position and a second position; the first position corresponds to the starting system disabled mode; and the second position corresponds to the starting system enabled mode.

8. The system of claim 7 wherein the actuation device includes one of a solenoid and servo connected to the switching mechanism of the battery switch.

9. The system of claim 1 wherein:

said control circuitry includes a signal receiver coupled to said continuity circuit;

the signal receiver facilitates setting said continuity circuitry to the starting system disabled mode in response to receiving a first control signal; and
the signal receiver facilitates setting said continuity circuitry to the starting system enabled mode in response to receiving a second control signal.

- 5 10. The system of claim 9, further comprising:
 a signal transmitter configured for transmitting the first control signal and the
 second control signal for reception by the signal receiver.
11. The system of claim 9 wherein:
 said control circuitry includes an actuation device configured for facilitating
10 switching of said continuity circuitry between the starting system disabled
 mode and starting system enabled mode;
 said continuity circuitry includes a battery switch configured for being electrically
 spliced into a power cable connected between the battery and the starter;
 the actuation device is connected to a switching mechanism of the battery switch
15 and is configured for moving the switching mechanism between a first
 position and a second position;
 the first position corresponds to the starting system disabled mode; and
 the second position corresponds to the starting system enabled mode.

12. A vehicle theft deterrent system, comprising:

a battery switch configured for enabling electrical continuity of a power cable
connected between a battery and a starter of a vehicle starting system to be
selectively broken and made, whereby the battery switch is in a starting system
disabled mode when said electrical continuity is broken and in a starting
system enabled mode when said electrical continuity is made; and
an actuation device connected to the battery switch and configured for selectively
switching the battery switch between the starting system disabled mode and
the starting system enabled mode.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein the battery switch is configured for being spliced into the
power cable in an in-line fashion.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein:

the actuation device is connected to a switching mechanism of the battery switch
and is configured for moving the switching mechanism between a first
position and a second position;
the first position corresponds to the starting system disabled mode; and
the second position corresponds to the starting system enabled mode.

15. The system of claim 14, further comprising:

a signal receiver coupled to the actuation device, wherein the signal receiver
facilitates setting the actuation device to the first position in response to
receiving a first control signal and setting the actuation device to the second
position in response to receiving a second control signal.

16. The system of claim 15, further comprising:

a signal transmitter configured for transmitting the first control signal and the second control signal for reception by the signal receiver.

17. The system of claim 16 wherein the battery switch includes:

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a first electrical termination configured for being connected to a first connection point of the power cable;

a second electrical termination configured for being connected to at least one of a second connection point of the power cable, an electrical terminal of the battery and an electrical terminal of the starter; and

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a third electrical termination coupled to one of the first electrical termination and the second electrical termination for having a power lead of a vehicle accessory item connected thereto for enabling electrical power to be provided to the accessory item while said continuity circuitry is in the starting system disabled mode.

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18. A vehicle starting system, comprising:

a battery;

a starter;

5 a battery switch electrically coupled between the battery and the starter, wherein
the battery switch is configured for enabling electrical continuity between the
battery and the starter to be selectively broken and made and wherein the
battery switch is in a starting system disabled mode when said electrical
continuity is broken and in a starting system enabled mode when said
10 electrical continuity is made;

an actuation device connected to the battery switch and configured for selectively
switching the battery switch between the starting system disabled mode and
the starting system enabled mode; and

15 a signal receiver coupled to the actuation device, wherein the signal receiver
facilitates setting the actuation device to a first position corresponding to the
starting system disabled mode in response to receiving a first control signal
and setting the actuation device to a second position corresponding to the
starting system enabled mode in response to receiving a second control signal.

19. The system of claim 18 wherein:

20 said electrical continuity between the battery and the starter is provided through a
power cable; and
the battery switch is electrically spliced into the power cable in an in-line fashion.

20. The system of claim 18 wherein:

25 the actuation device is connected to a switching mechanism of the battery switch
and is configured for moving the switching mechanism between a first
position and a second position;

the first position of the switching mechanism corresponds to the starting system disabled mode; and

the second position of the switching mechanism corresponds to the starting system enabled mode.